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To
The Easingwold Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to present herewith my annual report for the year ending
31st December 1939.

The particulars and information required by the Ministry of
Health are given below:-

Area (in acres).....	74,363.
Registrar-General's estimate of the Resident Population (Mid.1939).....	10,570.
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1939) according to Rate Books.....	2,614.
Rateable Value.....	£ 42,582.
Sum represented by a penny rate.....	£185.13.0d.

1. The social conditions of the district are those of a purely
rural area, the inhabitants of which are engaged chiefly in
agriculture. No extensive changes have taken place during
the last two years, and no new industries have been established.

2. Vital Statistics.

For the purpose of calculating both birth and death rates the
Registrar-General's estimate of the resident population for
Mid. 1939 has been adopted. This is 10,570.

For the whole district there were 133 births registered (65
males 68 females) as compared with 152 in 1938 and 124 in 1937,
the Birth Rate being 12.58 as compared with 14.97 in 1938 and
12.83 in 1937.

The total deaths registered in the whole district were 146
(84 males 62 females) as compared with 134 in 1938 and 113 in
1937, the Death Rate being 13.81 as compared with 13.20 in
1938 and 11.69 in 1937.

The Vital Statistics for the year are summarised as follows:-

	Total	M.	F.	Birth Rate. (R.G.)
<u>Births.</u> (legitimate)	127	64	63	
(illegitimate)	6	1	5	
	<u>133</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>12.58</u>
<u>Still Births.</u>	Total	M.	F.	Rate per 1000 live and still births.
(legitimate)	10	7	3	
(illegitimate)	-	-	-	
	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>69.93</u>
<u>Deaths.</u>	Total	M.	F.	Death Rate. (R.G.)
	146	84	62	
				<u>13.81</u>

Death of Infants under one year of age - Rate per 1000 live births.

	Total	M.	F.	
Legitimate	5	3	2	
Illegitimate	-	-	-	
	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>37.59</u>

The number of women dying in consequence of childbirth, from Sepsis NIL, from other causes ONE.

Deaths from Measels (all ages).....NIL.
Deaths from Whooping (all ages).....NIL.
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under two years).....NIL.
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)..... 26.

3. Notifiable Diseases during the Year.

118 cases of notifiable diseases were reported during the year and details of these are given on a separate table annexed Table "A".

Table "B" annexed gives particulars relating to the new cases of tuberculosis and deaths from that disease.

4. Causes of Sickness.

The chief causes were Scarlet Fever, 42 cases and Diptheria 24 cases being reported. In all except one or two instances cases were removed to Isolation Hospitals and all premises were disinfected.

General Provision of Health Service in the Area.

5. Hospitals and other Institutions Available for the district.

There are nine midwives practising in the District, but none of these are employed or subsidised by the Local Authority.

There are three Clinics for Child Welfare in the District, but no Treatment Centres.

Hospitals.

For Tuberculosis cases the North Riding Sanatorium at Fairfield York and Aysgarth (outside the District) are available.

No Hospitals are provided or subsidised by the Local Authority for Maternity or Child Welfare.

The County Council have made arrangements to give assistance to medical practitioners in the area when called upon to treat cases of Puerperal Pyrexia.

Hospital accommodation and Specialists are provided for these cases when required.

Arrangements have been made with the Middlesborough Borough Council for the reception of Small Pox cases.

For Fever cases arrangements have been made for such as are necessary to be removed to the York Fever Hospital (outside the District). These cases are removed in the Hospital Ambulance.

Arrangements have been made with the York Corporation for the removal of accidents by ambulance.

There is no Institutional provision for unmarried mothers, or illegitimate infants or homeless children in the District.

6. Public Health Staff.

Medical Officer of Health)	Edward Buller Hicks.
Senior	Part-time. Salary contribution from County Council.
Sanitary Inspector,	} John Edward Blakeway. Whole Time. Salary Contribution from County Council. Holds certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute, for inspection of nuisances and for inspection of meat and other foods.
Surveyor, Meat Inspector,	
Dairies Order, Factory and Workshop Act.	
Additional Sanitary Inspector,	Harold Graham. Whole Time. Salary Contribution from County Council. Holds certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute for inspection of nuisances



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7. Laboratory Work.

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Bacteriological specimens are sent by the Medical Practitioners to the Clinical Research Association, London and the cost of the examination is borne by the Council.

Enteric, Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever, Anti-Toxins are supplied free to the Medical Practitioners.

Diphtheria Prophylactic Toxoid is supplied free for immunization.

8. Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.
Water.

With the exception of four small Hamlets the whole of the area is served with public mains, mainly from two gravity fed sources.

Samples taken from these two supplies were found to be below standard. The causes of the deterioration were traced to some small springs and to the defective cover to a water tower. The springs were cut off and the tower repaired. Samples taken later showed the water to be of excellent quality. Improvements are being carried out at the points of collection near the spring heads and new springs are being added to the supplies. A new water tower has been provided at the outer edge of the supply to maintain the pressure.

Numerous samples have been taken during the year

Drainage and Sewerage.

The new disposal works at Easingwold were put into operation in October. Analyses taken show the effluent to be satisfactory.

Considerable progress had been made up to the outbreak of the war in forwarding schemes of sewerage for the larger villages.

9. Rivers and Streams.

There is no serious pollution of the rivers and streams. There are minor instances of ditches and small streams which are being polluted in several places. Temporary measures are being adopted where practicable to minimise risks.

Public Cleansing.

a) The method of collecting dry house refuse.

This is let to contract and collected by horse and cart.

b) The method of collecting refuse from earth closets.

By horse and cart.

c) The method of disposing of dry house refuse.

By Tipping.

d) The method of disposing of refuse from earth closets and privies.

Dug into farm land.

Public Cleansing.

- e) The method of cleaning cesspools.
None.
- f) Arrangements for the disposal of cesspool contents.
None.

Several villages have convenient tips for waste, tins etc.

10. Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

- a) The number and nature of inspections made by the Sanitary Inspector during the year.

1) Nature of Inspection.

Housing: Nuisances under the Public Health Act.

Sanitary Survey: Meat, Dairies.

Scavenging: Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

New Buildings: Alterations: Drains:

Disinfection: Petrol.

2) Number of Inspections. - 1476.

- b) The number of notices served during the year of Statutory and Informal Notices.

i) Statutory..... 6.

ii) Informal.....17.

- c) The result of the services of such notices.

i) Statutory complied with..... 5.

ii) Informal complied with.....16

11. Sanitary Administration.

Houses disinfected.....	70.
Schools disinfected.....	2.
Visits to infected premises.....	89.
New drains and drains repaired.....	50.
Obstructions removed from drains.....	17.
New houses erected and provided with water	
from public mains.....	29.
connected to public sewers.....	25.
provided with other means of sewage disposal.....	6.
Water closets provided to new property.....	21.
Pail closets provided to new property.....	5.
Accumulations removed as a result of notices served..	31.
Ashbins provided to replace ashpits.....	1.
Slaughter house inspections.....	354.
Cowsheds and Dairies inspections.....	158.
Existing properties provided with public water supply	20.
Total number new water closets.....	56
Number of cases of over crowding abated.....	3.
Maternity outfits disinfected.....	4.
Caravan dwellings removed after notice.....	11.
Cases of improper keeping of animals dealt with.....	1.

Eradication of Bed Bugs. - No houses found to be infested.

12. Housing.

(A) Number of new houses erected during the year:-

- a) Total including number under "B".....33.
- 1. By Local Authority.....16.
- 2. By other bodies or persons..... 2.

Land on which to build 30 houses has been purchased and plans for the erection of a further 20 houses have been approved. The Council did not commence any further building operations during the year, but completed a number which were in course of erection at the beginning of the year.

13. Milk Supply.

A number of registered cow keepers and purveyors of milk (wholesale and retail) have been inspected with regard to cattle and persons employed, cleansing, lighting, ventilation and drainage. In most cases they were in a clean condition, in others want of limewashing of ceilings and cleansing of furniture were the principle defects.

- i) No cases have been reported or found of any cows suffering from tuberculosis or emaciation due to tuberculosis udder.
- ii) The cow sheds as a whole are kept in a fairly good condition.
- iii) Number of Licences granted for the sale of milk under special designations order 1936.....NIL.
- iv) Refusal of revocation of registration or retailers or of licences for graded milk.....NIL.

14. Meat.

Inspection is carried out by the Sanitary Inspectors who have had much practical experience in Public Abattoirs and Private Slaughterhouses. There are 12 Slaughterhouses and these are frequently and regularly visited.

Carcasses Inspected and Condemned.

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	Cattle ex- cluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep & Lambs.	Pigs.
Number killed if known					
Number Inspected.	284	6	1	340	150
All diseases except Tuberculosis whole carcasses condemned.	0	0	0	3	0
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	19	2	-	-	1
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	7½%	40%	-	.8%	.7%
Tuberculosis only. Whole carcasses condemned.	-	1	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	12	1	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	4%	17%	-	-	-

All shops, stores, and vehicles are systematically examined under the Public Health (Meat) Regulation 1924.

351 visits have been made and what has been found diseased has been destroyed by burial or by fire, after voluntary confiscation.

Other Foods.

The several bakehouses and fried fish shops in the District have been systematically visited, relating to the storage and distribution of food. All these have been found satisfactory and no complaints have been received.

15. Factory and Workshops Acts.

The number of inspections made was.....30

There are no underground bakehouses in the District.

TABLE "A".

Notifiable Diseases during the Year 1939.

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Analysis of Ages.</u>												<u>Total cases</u>
	Under I Year.	1 2	2 3	3 4	4 5	5 10	10 15	15 20	20 35	35 45	45 65	65 & over	<u>Notified.</u>
Diphtheria	-	-	-	1	1	11	4	1	4	1	-	1	24
Scarlet Fever.	-	-	1	4	3	17	6	4	4	2	1	0	42
Pneumonia.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	1	3	3	11
Erysipilas.	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	1	1	1	1	8
Chicken Pox.	-	-	1	3	3	17	6	1	-	-	-	-	31
Total	-	-	2	8	8	45	16	11	11	5	5	5	116
Pulmonary } M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Tuberculosis } F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Pulmonary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Non-Pulmonary } M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Tuberculosis } F	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
Total	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
Grand Total	0	0	2	8	8	46	16	11	11	6	5	5	118

Table "A" (Contd.)

Notifiable Diseases During the year 1939.

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Easingwold Rural District Council.

Tuberculosis during the year 1939.

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
25	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and upwards.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>TOTALS.</u>	-	-	1	1	2	1	-	-

TABLE "C"

List of Adoptive Acts, Byelaws etc.,
in force, with dates of adoption.

Description of Act or Byelaw.	Part of District or Contributor Place Covered.	Date of Adoption of Confirmation
Byelaws with respect to Common Lodging Houses.	Whole.	Oct. 2th 1891.
Urban Powers, Sec. 42 P.H.L. 1875. Removal of House Refuse. Easingwold.		Dec. 16th 1892.
Urban Powers " " Watering Streets.	Easingwold.	July 1st 1903.
Byelaws with respect to Removal of House Refuse &c.,	Whole District except Easingwold.	Oct. 6th 1893.
Byelaws with Respect to New Buildings.	Whole District.	Aug. 1st 1939.
Byelaws with respect to Slaughter Houses.	8 Contributory Places.	Jan. 16th 1905.
" " " "	27 remaining Places.	May 5th 1905.
Urban Powers under Sec. 39 P.H.L. Provn. of Public Necessaries.	Easingwold.	Dec. 17th 1903.
Urban Powers with respect to Fires.	32 Contributory Places, 2 " " (Except Rastelf).	May 26th 1921. Oct. 27th 1921.